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GERMAN LOYALTY TO AMERICA PRAISED BY PRINCE HENRY.

William E. Vach of No. 1224 Old Mancheser road, former national president of the erman Veterans' Association of North merica, and a number of his comrades received as much distinguished attention ; from Prince Henry of Prussia last Monday as any other citizen of St. Louis. Almost the entire time the Prince spent at the rden Station was devoted to the old soldiers who had served under his father and grandfather in Germany.

When one of the attendants approached

the Prince while he was talking to the veterans and informed him that his carriage was waiting, his Royal Highness excused himself with the remark that a chat with the old German veterans was too rare a leasure to be interrupted. He kept the carriage and entire party waiting while he talked to Mr. Vach and the committee.

This committee was composed of the following German veterans: Rudolph Huesgen, Peter Waltz, F. Eynck, Heinrich Paulus, Charles D. Oench, Robert Benneke, Fritz Jobsky, John Cassens, Christ Evers, Heinrich Reenbuck, C. Miseller, Benjamin Schwarz, Wilhelm Koehne, John A. Phlath-mann, Ernst Keller, August Lohmeyer,

Gustavus Neumann.
"There were no frills about the Prince."
said Mr. Vach. "Without a trace of stiffness he talked to us just like an American volunteer who had served in Cuba or the Philippines would talk about the campaigns he had been through. He was sincerely in-

he had been through. He was sincerely interested."

Mr. Vach states that the Prince emphasized a sentiment recently expressed by his brother, the Kalser, on the subject of German-Americans. The term, he stated was hybrid, that one had to be either a German or an American in citizenship.

"I hope," said the Prince to Mr. Vach, "that you have all teken out your naturalization papers. Since you have come to this country and are getting your living here, be true to it. In sentiment, of course, I would not have you forget the Fatherland, and I am sure that old soldiers can never do that. Be real American citizens of a type that will reflect honor upon the land of your birth and whose good principles are born in you."

The Prince, Mr. Vach states, in the kindest matner possible questioned each of the veterans about family and business affairs and expressed gratification when told that all were prospering. He was particularly



WILLIAM E. VACH.

Former National President of the German Veterans' Association, who, with his comrades, received special attention from Prince Henry on the occasion of his visit

CONGRESS INTERESTED IN SOUTHERN FOREST RESERVE.

nessee, North and South Carolina by Establishment of a National Forest Reserve-Bill to That Effect Now Pending.

The Republic Bureau, Washington, March 8.-The efforts of the Senators and Representatives from the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee are at present directed toward stirring up interest in a proposition to save the splendid forests in those States from complete annihilation. The reckless destruction of forests in many portions of the country, and the resulting scarcity of timber, have awakened the people of the Southern Appalachian States to the danger of having east of the Mississippi, the heaviest raingent of the special reasons. "Among the special reasons for the establishment of a national forest reserve in this Southern Appalachian region more in the Eastern States it may be mentioned that here we have the greatest variety of hard wood frees and the finest remnants of primetry in the proposition of the country, and the finest remnants of primetry in the finest r Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee their mountains denuded in the same man-

Consequently it is now proposed to save the trees of that section by the establishment of a National Forest Reserve of not more than 2,000,000 acres. A bill is at present pending in each branch of Congress, appropriating \$5,000,000 for the establishment of such a reserve. The Agricultural Department, assisted by the United States Geological Survey, has made a thorough survey and investigation of the forest con-dition in the States above named. Secretary Wilson is heartily in favor of the proposed park, and if the bill becomes a will have charge of the expenditure of the \$5,000,000. If the project should go through, the territory would be known as McKinley Park.

Loss of Hard Wood.

The proposition is not entirely new, a favorable report having been made on a simthar bill in the last Congress. Reckless cut-ting and the forest fires which follow are destroying the hard wood forests of the South at a rate and to an extent which is already having serious results over wide areas. In addition to its probable effect on climate, it is causing irregularities in the flow of the streams, which are destroying their value for water power and navigation during the dry season, and during the rainy season are washing away the soils on the steeper hillsides and mountain filling up the stream beds with sediment and destroying the agricultural valus of the lowiands along the streams. Both the diminishing flow of water during the dry season and the deposit of sediment in the stream beds and harbors during periods of flood are becoming yearly more danger-ous to navigation and are leading directly to increased annual appropriations for riv-

to increased annual appropriations for rivers and harbors.
Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, who is taking a leading part in pushing the present bill, has this to say of the necessity for forest reservations:

"For several years the increasing forest destruction on the steep mountain slopes has manifested liself in the increasing magnitude and frequency of the floods along the streams rising in this region.

Secretary Wilson's Henort.

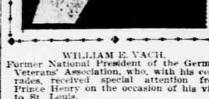
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"The final report of the Secretary of Agriculture estimates the damage to property along the streams rising in this region from foods during the spring and summer of 1901 at \$10,000,000. Add to this the similar damages during the month of December last, and the resulting general loss in value by the lowland farms bordering these streams, and the aggregate of these losses during the year approximates \$15,000,000, or three times the appropriation called for in the bill now under consideration. But, as pointed out by the Secretary of Agriculture, this loss from forest clearing cannot be estimated from forest clearing cannot be estimated in money value alone. Its continuance means the early and complete destruction of conditions most valuable to the nation, and which neither skill nor wealth can re-

"The region in which it is proposed to establish this forest reserve lies in several different States, about the sources of numberous streams of interstate or national importance. Hence these lands should be owned by the nation, and not by individual citizens who have no responsibilities beyond the limit of their own acres, nor by States, whose interests do not extend beyond their own boundaries.

"That the solution of this problem in the manner indicated does not inaugurate a new policy on the part of the Government is shown not only by the setting aside, for similar purposes, of Government lands in the Western States already purchased as a part of the national domain, but also by the numerous purchases of lands by the Government for military parks and the purchase of Indian lands which were incorporated in the Fiathead Rerserve in Montana. Other National Purchases.

"While for apparent reasons the several



It Is Proposed to Save Trees of V Irginia, Georgia, Alabama, Ten-

ing floods and consequent evils now threat-ening the ruin of this region, and that its management will serve as a demonstration of the wisdom and feasibility of practical forest operations on a large scale. Some Special Reasons.

val hard wood forests found on the continent, the highest and largest mountains east of the Mississippi, the heaviest rainfall on the continent, except along the Northern Pacific Coast, and, consequently, the washing away of the soils of the region can only be prevented by keeping them covered with forests. The absence from this region of lakes and gravelly soils such as abound in the Northern States, and there serve to store the rains and give uniformity to the flow of the streams, renders the perpetuation of these Southern forests absolutely necessary for the protection of both the soils and the streams. "It may, therefore, be fairly urged that the establishment of this forest reserve in the region of the Southern Appalachian Mountains is a matter of great national importance, and that, owing to the peculiar conditions existing in this region, the establishment of this reserve need not necessarily be accepted as a precedent for the establishment of similar reserves elsewhere in the East. Certainly no single measure connected with forest preservation or with the modern forest policy of the Government has been so generally commended as this by the scientific and business organizations of the country and by the general and technical press."

THE KISS COST HIM \$200. San Francisco Baker Settles Suit

Instituted by Miss Nelson.

San Francisco, March 8 .- John Kohs ha paid \$200 to Miss Adelia Nelson for a kiss. In 1990 Miss Nelson sued him for \$5,000, al-In 1990 Miss Neison sued him for \$5.000, alleging that in July, 1900, while she was at
work in the rear of the premises owned by
Kohs, 5e came back from a round of
bread-delivering at his customers' doors.
Seeing her there and alone, he walked up,
deliberately put his arm around her waist
and kissed her. The result of this unasked
embrace was that Miss Nelson was selzed
with convulsions, was confined to her bed
for thirty days, spent \$55 in medical services and medicine and was so injured in for thirty days, spent \$75 in medical services and medicine and was so injured in health and feelings that nothing short of \$,000 damages would repair the mischiet.

Miss Neison told her story to a jury in Judge Hunt's court a year ago, but lost a decision principally because Harry Morris, an employe of Kohs, suid he had often kissed her and that nothing like convuisions followed. The case was placed on Judge Hunt's calendar for retrial. At the last Kohs weakened and avoided the publicity of another day in court by paying \$36 in full settlemnt of Miss Nelson's claim.

BENEFIT FOR THE TEACHERS.

Entertainment to Be Given at High School March 13.

The Teachers' Mutual Aid Association of St. Louis which has far more than thirty years cared for the sick and buried its departed members, will give an entertainment in the High School Auditorium, Grand avenue and Windsor place, on Thursday, March 3, to increase its financial resources so that it can continue its scale. a, to increase its financial resources so that it can continue its work.

Some of the very best talent in the city will contribute to the programme, which consists of literary and music features. Among those taking part will be the Temple Israel Quartette, Mr. Sidney Schleie, Mr. P. G. Anton, Mrs. Mary Hogan Ludium, Mrs. Francis E. Cook and Professor Edwin McDowell, Mr. Paul Brown Keugh, High School Boys' Glee Club, High School Mandolin Club and Mrs. Charles J. Daly.

HOSPITAL FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

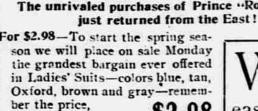
Plans Are to Be Prepared for Commodious Structure.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. San Francisco, March 8.-The Board of Health wants a new building for the Har-"While for apparent reasons the several contiguous States cannot be expected to purchase these lands for incorporation in such a forest reserve, they have granted the needed authority for such purchase and control by the Federal Government.

"The Secretary of Agriculture, in his final report, calls attention to the fact that many large bodies of these lands can now be purchased at prices ranging from \$\mathbb{E}\$ to \$\mathbb{B}\$ purchased at prices ranging from \$\mathbb{E}\$ to \$\mathbb{B}\$ purchased at an early date, be self-supporting, and that later, like the great European forests, it will yield a revenue from the sale of timber and other forest products; that among the benefits resulting from a reserve will be the prevention of damagbor Emergency Hospital, and a strong ef-

Cloaks, Suits, Waists, Raglans, Skirts, Etc.

The unrivaled purchases of Prince "Rothesay,"



For \$4.75-Just received a lot of Ladies' Swell Eton Jackets, silk lined - colors blue, castor and black-would be cheap at \$6.75our special price our special price only\$4.75

For \$5.98-Here is a grand special bargain in Ladies' Nobby Up-todate Raglans, made with the new style cuff-bought to sell for \$8.50 -our Raglan Special, only\$5.98 our Raglan

For 98c -Last call for Ladies' Fine Flannel Waists, all the latest styles—were \$1.98 up to \$3—last call, price only....980 For \$17.50-Ladies' Beautiful Nor-

folk Walking Tailor-made Suits, skirt made with a large flare flounce, handsomely stitched-a \$22.50 suit \$22.50 suit for \$17.50

New Wash Goods.

200 pieces of 36-inch wide Shirting Percale, in all the fancy styles of the season, for spring and summer shirts and shirtwaists-come and make your selections while the line is complete,

500 pieces of book-fold 32-inch wide Madras Cloth, in red, blue, lavender and pink grounds, with plain and fancy stripes, an extra good quality, at, An extra fine line of 32-inch wide

Printed Madras, for shirts and shirtwaists - this line runs in white grounds with neat black and colored stripes, one of the newest and best fabries in the market for the price.

Just received a lot of about 20 different styles, all dark colors, of our famous FOULARDETTE, which we bought a little under the price-we will put these on sale Monday 25c

Special for Monday will be our Oxford Stripe Madras—this fabric comes in all the latest stripes and figures, in perfectly fast coloringspublic a real bargain we place them



IN / E give you in our bright, sparkling, clean, light and well-

east or west, north or south, and we know what we are talking

New Linens-Sterling Values.

lot 64 and 68 inch All Linen Bleached Table Damask. These goods are manufacturers' samples and come in short pieces from 5 to 10 yards. All slightly soiled, but perfect otherwise. Regular prices are from 50c to 75c per yard, but to close them out quickly they will go at, per yard. 39c

500 doz. 18-in All-Linen Bleached Ta- 1 case 18-inch Red Bordered Bleached 50 doz. 20x40 All-Linen German

regular 10c quality at,

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about!! Merit only (not soft soap) desires to win, with us!!

erdered store such values as you can find nowhere else,

Millinery Department.

Ready-to-Wear Hats, in all shades, made of chiffon, moline and seed-straw braidactually worth \$2.75-Sale Price

> Ready-to-Wear Hats, exact copies of all the leading shapes made by the fore-most milliners of New York and Paris. made of horse-hair braid, trimmed with ribbon and chiffon pom-pon-actually worth \$5.98 \$2.98 - Sale Price

Largest assortment of Ready-to-Wear and Trimmed Hats in the city, all the latest of trimmings and materials - prices ranging from (each)

\$3.98 to \$27.00

We are showing all the latest novelties in Flowers, Foliage and Fruits for Millinery trimming, such as are shown by all the first-class milliners of the country, and at half the price.

Roses at 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 49c, 65c up to \$1.65 bunch.

Foliage from 15c to \$2.75 bunch June Roses and Small Flowers from 15c to \$2.25 bunch.

Sheet Music Specials.

Bed Spread Special.

1 case extra large size White Hemmed Bed Spreads, crochet finish; actual selling price was \$1.35, but to rush them out we have made the price for this sale at, per spread

Harness.

ble Nankins, the same kind you

pay \$1.25 for at other stores; our

special selling price during this sale, per \$1.00

Our spring line of Harness is now most complete, embracing over 300 styles in Buggy, Surrey, Single and Double Sets and will be sold at manufacturers' prices. All new, swell, up-to-date styles, no old stuff.



75 Sets Special Buggy Harness (like cut), & bridle, 234 V-shape breast collar, 114-inch scallop traces, 134 breeching, 5 side straps, 5 hip straps, 5 by 134 lines, 3-inch strap or laced—all smooth round edges and

35 Sets Single Surrey Harness, 114-inch traces, 4-inch saddie, double-hip straps, nickel or brass \$14.50

23 Sets very fine Single Driving Harness, either single strap or soft folded layer, "Kay" saddle, flat or braided lines, open or closed bridle. These are the manufacturers-made to retail from \$33.00 to \$40.00-Our price.

Steel and Gas Ranges

Brocaded Huck Towels with satin-

damask border; would be a good

value for 35c; during this 25c sale at, per towel.....



Just received two carloads new "Steel Favorite Gas Ranges," New Bowerbarff finish, no enamel, patent, adjustable, drilled, REMOVABLE burners, 16-inch oven and boiler, galvanized top oven casing, economical, guaranteed and set with free connections are a few of their good points—the last and \$15.50 best and the same to all is the price: Sold on payment of TEN CENTS

A DAY with a small payment down, A six-hole steel range with an 18-inch oven, high warming closet, heavy fire back, removable oven bottom, fully asbestos-lined body, worth \$40.00, \$29.95 set up complete—Our Price.....

Easy terms of a small payment down and the balance TEN CENTS A DAY. \$3.50 two-burner Gasoline Stove

for \$1.50 Single Gasoline or Gas

The Wedding of Reuben and the Maid..... 50c 18c

Ma Ebony Belle 50c The Watermelon Party.. 50c A Little Boy in Blue 50c In the Good Old Fashioned Way...... 50e When the Blue Sky Turns to Gold..... 50c Just Plain Folks 50c Susie, Ain't Dat a Shame 50c 'Tis Not 'Always Bullets That Kill..... 50c 18c The Fortune Telling Man 50c Actions Speak Louder Than Words..... 50c 18c The Little Place That I Call Home...... 50c 18c Smoky Topaz 50c

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Clarinda, march two-step 50c 18c Creole Belles 50c 18c Black-Eyed Susan, two-step march 50c 18c Prince Henry's March..... 50c 18c La Bonton, march two-step ... 50c 18c Peacherine Rag. 50c 18c Castle Square Waltzes..... 50c 18c

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The Star Dance Folio, arranged from the most popular and latest successes of the day... 75c 39c Chas, K. Harris's Vocal and Instrumental Selections..... 50c 29c

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LYNCHING OF WRIGHT AT NEW MADRID.

itizens of the Town Give Out Statement of Circumstances Which Led to Tragedy

IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM.

Determination of Young White Men to Resent Insult, Caused Shooting in Theater and the Hanging.

special Correspondence of The Sunday Republic New Madrid, Mo., March 7.-In response to inquiries and criticisms in regard to the recent lynching of the negro, Lou F. Wright, and as a correction in some details of accounts published in many newspapers, the following recital of the circumstances is given out by citizens here as the authorized version;

"The hanging of the negro is to be regretted from a humanitarian standpoint, but is condoned by a majority of the citizens, as the crime for which the negro's life paid the penalty was a grave one, and only by a miracle were the deaths, or murders, of several of our citizens averted.

"The car containing Richards and Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, Ruscoe & Holland now proprietors, with George A. Treyser as manager, arrived in our city last Saturday and gave a performance at the operahouse that night. The troupe numbered twenty-four and were all negroes, some, however, being light in color. As three of them were passing the Courthouse Saturday afternoon Tommie Waters and Dick Mott were snowbelling each other, when one of the balls thrown fell near the negroes. One of them sald: 'You dirty son of a -Not wishing to resent the insult at that time, the young men concluded to wait until after the performance that night and then take the negro out and give him a whip-

When the Shooting Begun.

"At the conclusion of the performance about six or eight young men started to go upon the stage by way of the narrow pas-sage and steps to the left of the footlights. The audience had not all gotten cut of the house, and were standing in groups, in the hall and around the sloves, chatting, little dreaming of the next few exciting moments The young men's intentions were to get the negro who had insuited the white boys and quietly take him out. They did not anticipate such a riot as followed. As they entered the doorway leading to the stage a negro, named Shields, was coming down. He was grabbed by the boys, who said. This is him.' (But it was afterwards proven that he was not the one who offered the that he was not the one who offered the insuit.) Just at that time a negro standing on the stage at the head of the passage, fired a shot directly at the crowd of men, and in line of which were a number of

lowed, the total number variously estimated reigned. Frightened men, women and children made a wild rush for the doors, while some got under the seats and other safe

When the firing had ceased, it was happily discovered that no one was seriously hurt-but why several were not killed is a great miracle. The number of shots fired, in such lose proximity and the number of nec so closely bunched and in direct line of the fusillade, makes their escape attributable only to the merest accident. As it was several narrowly missed leaden bullets. Sometime after, the casualties were discovered and summed up as follows:

"One negro actor received a bullet in his leg, near the knee; not seriously hurt, "Clay Hunter narrowly missed being "Clay Hunter narrowly missed being killed. A bullet plowed its way through the skin on top of his head, and had it been a quarter inch lower would have penetrated his brain.

"A ball passed through the collar of Tommle Waters's overcoat, missing his neck by about a half-linch.
"Hal Hunter received a bullet through his avercer and sweeter just between the

overcoat and sweater, just between the shoulders, it going in from the side and coming out again without touching the flesh.

"Wint Lewis's overcoat, undercoat and sweater contained holes made by a builet passing just across his front near the belt line

fine.

"Mr. and Mrs. Reeves were leaning against the coal box and a bullet entered the box only a few inches behind them.

"After the excitement caused by the shooting in the opera-house had subsided, the members of the troupe made their way to their car. One of them, however, ran west and a couple of shots were fired at him. He was afterwards found in a box car. Another went near Ristine, and Sunday sent a note to Marager Treyser for \$7. This note was intercepted and the negro brought into town. Searching for the Man.

"A crowd of about seventy-five citizens assembled around the car, with rifles, shot-guns and pistols, and for awhile the fate of the negroes was uncertain, as mutterings and threats of the enraged citizens could be heard on every side. But the advice of cooler heads prevailed, and the negroes, after being searched in their car by Marshal Richards and others, were taken to jail.

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"All during the day Sunday crowds of citizens could be seen on the streets, discussing the situation. It was plainly evident that the negro who caused the riot by firing the first shot would be punished, but it was difficult at first to identify the one. However, about a dozen or more of the troupe, and some of our citizens, identified Lou F. Wright, a trombone player, whose home was Ottawa, Kas., as the man who fired the shots from the stage, it was also learned that another of the negroes urged Wright to shoot, saying: "Fire on them; burn 'em!" Wright was also identified as the negroe who insulted the white boys. The negroes were held in jail upon a warrant charging them with rioting.

"On Thursday, the manager, George A. Treyser, was also arrested upon the same charge, and he gave a \$500 cash bond for his appearance Monday.

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The Lynching.

"About 11 o'clock Sunday night, Sheriff Stone, Jailer George Shields and E. H. Law tells were in the lower front room of the jail. Some one was heard to rap on the back dor, next to the courhouse. The Sheriff and Mr. Shields went to the door and opened it. Five masked men entered, grabbed Mr. Stone and took the keys of the colle from him. Mr. Lavelle, hearing the noise, started into the room, but was taken by the collar and told to go back, Mr. Stone was held by two men, holding his outstretched arms against the wall. Mr. Shields was taken in charge by two of the men and thrown down and held. The fifth man went upstaffs, unlocked the cells and brought down the negro. Lou F. Wright. It is said a crowd of forty or fifty more men were on the cutside. The negro was taken to the large elim tree, just north of the railroad track, on the Big Prairie road, his neck, the end thrown over a limb about his neck, The Lynching.

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most white, who used two or three bottles and it entirely brought the gray hairs back to the original color the same as it did for me. As a cure for Dandruff your remedy is certainly a perfect success. I like it because it does all that you claim, and is neither sticky nor greasy, but on the other hand leaves the hair in a fine, soft, smooth condition, and I do not hesitate to lend to De Lacy's Hair Tonic my most hearty indorsement, as it is certainly a remedy of wonderful merit. With kindest regards and very best wishes, believe me, Sincerely yours very truly, H. C. PERKINS, Seventh and Chestnut, Lincoln Trust Bld.

Express prepaid from De Lacy Chemical Co., St. Louis, U. S. A.

9 o'clock Coroner Richards took the body to the undertaking rooms of Richards Bros. In the afternoon Acting Coroner Joel Cook, heid an inquest, and the verdict of the jury was that the negro came to his death at the hands of parties to them unknown.

"About 10 o'clock Monday, Manager Treyser was arraigned before Squire Cook and the case ngainst him was dismissed, and his cash hond returned to him. 'Squire Cook then went to the Courthouse and the negroes were taken from jail in squads of negroes were taken from jail in the Denhart graveyard.

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train time in the afternoon, when they boarded their car which was taken to Paw Paw.

"Thus ended the most stirring and exciting episode seen here in a long time.

"In a conversation with the manager, George A. Treyser, we found him to be an agreeable old gentleman, and he regretted very much that one of his troup had been the cause of the exciting events. He told us that every day he would talk to his men and tell them they were negroes, and in this section of the country citizens would not tolerate negro equality or sociability, and that they must keep their places as negroes. Just attend to their own affairs and demean themselves as becomes their race. But, he said, we have only recently traveled through Canada and the North, and the citizens treated my men as their equals, banqueted them, associated with them in saloons and other places, and, in fact, treated them so royally that it made some of them take the "swell-head." This is the result."

"The troupe was dated for Cape Girardeau for Monday night, but this was cancelled, and the engagement at Charleston for Tuesday right was to have been filled.

"Manager Treyser informed us he had wired the owners of the show to come and assume charge of it, as he did not want the fob any longer.

cisco Found Guilty of Contempt. REPUBLIC SPECIAL San Francisco, Cal., March 8.-Because he talked back to the Judge, C. E. Ellis, Oakand's first mail carrier was sent to jail for contempt by Police Judge Smith. The contempt commitment followed the closing of the case against 15-year-old Frank Eickels, who had been arrested on a complaint sworn to by Ellis. Ellis alleged that the boy had killed his cow, but the court did not deem the evidence sufficient to warrant a conviction, and dismissed the case. This raised the wrath of the aged ex-mail carrier. ex-mail carrier.

"You are prejudiced," he declared, shaking his finger at Police Judge Smith. "Your head is of poor caliber."

Bailiff Moore seized the irate man and took his downstairs. Two hours later he was released from custody, and, after an apology to Judge Smith wis purged of contempt.

Exchange, at a special meeting yesterday, received Blanchard Randall of Baltimore, president of the National Board of Trade, and Frank D. LaLanne of Philadelphia, a and Frank D. LaLanne of Philadelphia, a member of the Executive Committee. Both gentlemen addressed the board, stating that the National Board was being reorganized on new lines, for the purpose of greater efficiency, and that it was proposed to have a representative at Washington during the sessions of Congress to advise the president and Executive Board when legislation in which the National Roard was interested. sessions of Congress to advise the president and Executive Board when legislation in which the National Board was interested would come before the House and Senate. Their purpose in visiting the West is to enlist the interest of the commercial bodies and to increase the membership of the National Board, so that it will be more truly national Board, so that it will be more truly national in its character.

At the last meeting of the board held in Washington, in January last, the Merchants Exchange submitted a resolution looking to the sine die adjournment of the presentation of this resolution had shown the necessity of a more vigorous administration of the National Board of Trade affairs to produce the desired results. They asked that the Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis continue its membership and its interest in the board.

The following members of the Merchants' Exchange Committee on National Board of Trade, Governor Stanard and Messra. W. P. Kennett, Charles Parsons, S. W. Cobp. Clinton Rowell and O. L. Whitelaw, expressed the opinion that, under a vigorous reorganization, the national board might continue to be a power in suggesting and securing legislation in the interest of the commercial organizations of the country. It is probable that the Merchants' Exchange will continue its membership in the pational board.

SHRITSTOUR CLUB BALL - The twelfth annual ball of the St. Louis Shrits-tour Club will be given at Northwest Turner and Liederkrans Hall Thursday events.